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MISSION – Wednesday, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) launched a new website that includes what to do if you test positive for COVID-19, if you have been exposed, and how to seek resources if you're isolating at home and need support.

Across the state, OHA has implemented new guidelines, moving to an "opt-in" model for investigating COVID-19 cases. "Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center will prioritize efforts to educate and consult with community members and other CTUIR entities to promote compliance with outbreak reporting, quarantine, isolation, and infection control measures," Dr. Katie Morioka, Director of Public Health announced. "At this time, investigating each positive COVID-19 case and contacting close contacts will discontinue, however we will encourage symptomatic persons and their close contacts to test and follow isolation and quarantine recommendations provided by OHA."

"Yellowhawk will continue to verbally inform individuals of their test results and the Yellowhawk Public Health team will continue to call persons to ensure they have a case ID number, provide education and links to resources," stated Interim CEO, Aaron Hines.

Oregonians can report positive at-home test results through an online survey linked at www.oregon.gov/positivecovidtest, or get help completing the survey through the hotline. While it is not required for individuals to report their at-home test results, it is highly recommended to do so, and to let close contacts know about potential exposure. Hospitals, health care providers, labs and local public health authorities are required to report test results. The new COVID-19 Case Support Hotline at 866-917-8881 will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The OHA decision to revise guidelines for investigating COVID-19 cases to focus less on interviewing individual cases and conducting contact tracing, and more on outbreaks in high-risk settings, such as those in congregate care, health care, K-12 education and food chain industries.

For more updates on the new guidelines, please visit our website at www.yellowhawk.org/covid19-information.



Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. It provides primary healthcare and additional services to more than 3,000 American Indian/Alaska Native patients.

Yellowhawk Vision: Our Tribal community achieves optimal health through a culture of wellness.

Yellowhawk Mission: It is our mission to empower our Tribal community with opportunities to learn and experience healthy lifestyle.